

EMANCIPATION:
The “drop” from Foster Care



California Connected by 25 Initiative

Strategies, Support, Success

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california CC25 values

- Permanent Connections for All Youth
- Coordinated Continuum of Community Partnerships around the seven focus areas
- Youth as Leaders and Decision Makers
- Data Informed Decisions

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california CC25 Goals

Build a Comprehensive Continuum thru:

- Positive Youth Development Strategies
- Integrated Local Systems of Supports/Services

Connect Foster Youth by Age 25 to:

- Opportunities
- Experiences
- Resources & Support (personal, social and financial)
- That will enable them to succeed throughout adulthood!

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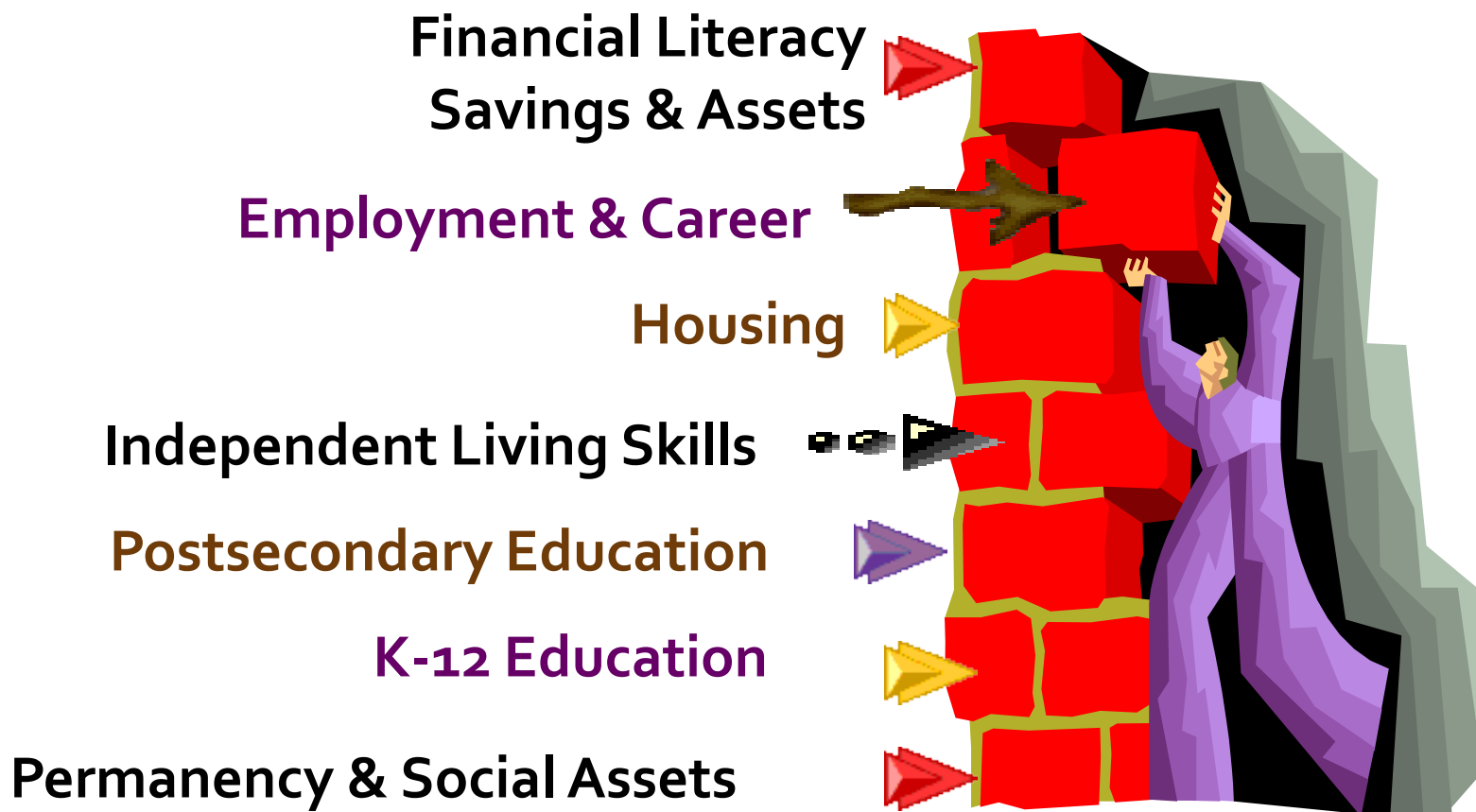
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CC25 Focus Areas

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Strategies for Success

- The 4 core F2F Strategies
- Leadership for Change
 - *agency *community *voices of transitioning youth
- Youth as Leaders/Decision Makers in their Lives
- Caregivers as Transition Teachers/Partners
- ETO: Assessing & Tracking Transition Outcomes

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Technical Assistance

- CalSWEC arranges CC25I technical assistance individualized to county need
- County or CalSWEC can identify TA/Trainers;
- Family to Family TA is also available/coordinated
- Twice-yearly convenings support networking and cross-county sharing/learning



Integration Opportunities

- Family to Family
- Breakthrough Series Collaborative (BSC) on ILP Transformation
- California Permanency for Youth Project (CPYP)

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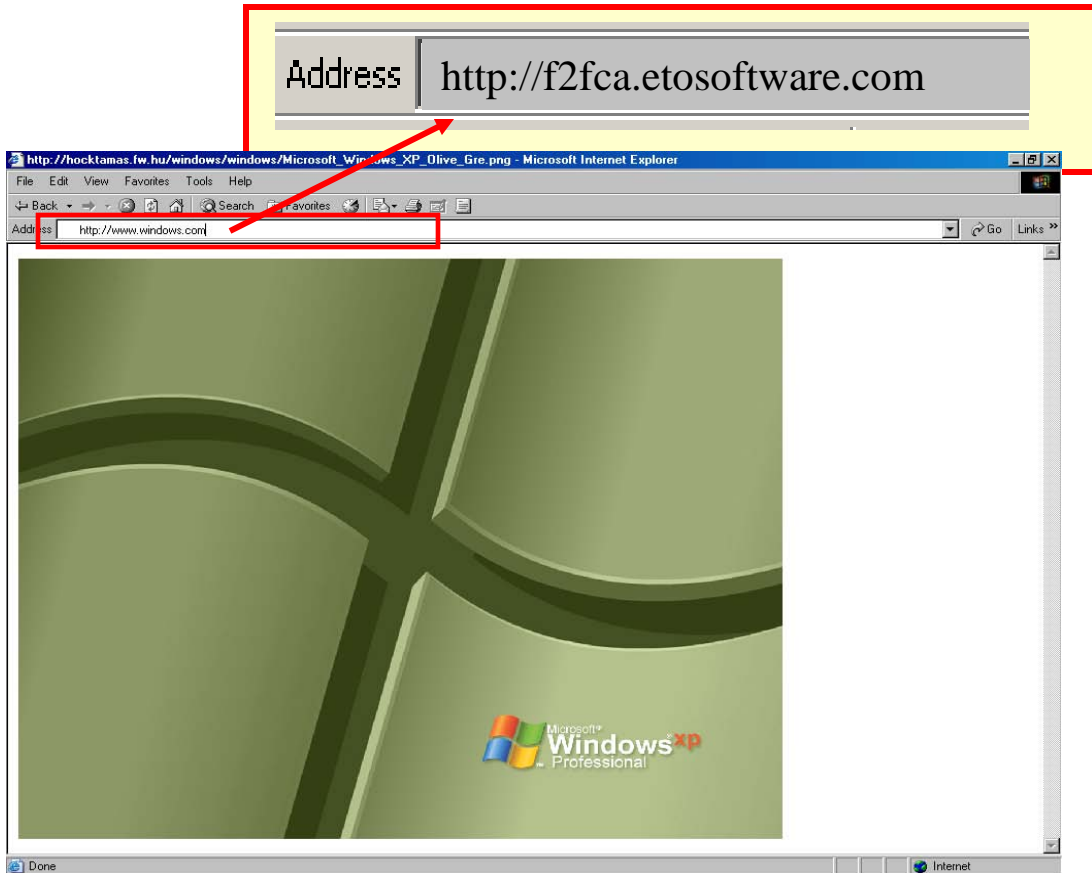
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Locally Designed Work Plans

- CWS convenes youth, caregivers, partners
- Transition outcome data reviewed from CWS & other systems such as ILP, probation, workforce, education, MH, etc.
- Assess strengths, needs, gaps & opportunities (by CC25I focus area as well as overall)
- Develop local activities & implementation plan

ETO

Quick, Easy Internet Access



F2F databases in ETO (CC25I, TDM, RDS, BCP)

CC25I SELF-EVALUATION

- CWS/CMS demographics uploaded to CC25I ETO
- Outcomes tracked thru periodic ETO Assessments
- ILP activities/services entered in CC25I ETO
(Can enter activity for multiple youth at one time!)
- CC25I ETO On-Line Referrals to other Programs

CC251 Outcome Indicators

An Example

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➤ Increase college attendance

% youth with college as educational goal

% youth taking A-G college prerequisites

% youth completed A-G prerequisites

% youth accepted in college (2 or 4 Year)

% youth enrolled in college (2 or 4 Year)

CC25 Outcome Indicators

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➤ Increase employment

% youth enrolled/participating in vocational training or internships

% youth completed vocational training

% youth with work experience

% youth who have paid employment

Lessons Learned

Three critical levers:

- Permanency is primary
- Stabilize housing
- Educational advocacy and opportunities make a difference

More Lessons Learned

- Lengthen the runway of transition supports - start early and go long
- Employment readiness and success is possible ... and hard
- Good data drives good decision making



F2F Connected by 25 Counties:

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Fresno County
City and County of San Francisco
Santa Clara County
Stanislaus County
Orange County
Humboldt County
Solano County
Glenn County
San Bernardino - June '09



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A California Family to Family Strategy

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